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### **REPRESENTATIVES SOUGHT FOR BOATING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Salt Lake City** -- Utah State Parks and Recreation is currently seeking three representatives to serve on the Utah Boating Advisory Council, and to specifically represent the interests of commercial outfitting, water sports and angling. Applications will be accepted through March 31, 2010.

Individuals are appointed to the Boating Advisory Council for four-year terms and must be familiar with general boat operation, basic navigation rules, basic boating safety equipment and have a general knowledge of boating. Representatives must be at least 21 years old and have a valid driver's license.

"The Utah Boating Advisory Council represents various boating interests in the state," commented Boating Program Manager Dave Harris. "The council gives its input and recommendations on state boating issues, policies, laws and rules to the Division Boating Program and the Board of Utah State Parks and Recreation."

The nine-member council consists of individuals representing the interests of boating safety and education organizations, sailing, paddle craft, water sports, marine dealers, personal watercraft, boating anglers, outfitting companies and motorboats.

For more information or to apply for an open Boating Advisory Council position, please contact Dave Harris at [daveharris@utah.gov](mailto:daveharris@utah.gov) or at (801) 538-7341.

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### **LIABILITY INSURANCE REQUIRED FOR BOATS AND PERSONAL WATERCRAFT**

**Salt Lake**— Motorboats, including personal watercraft (PWC), are required to carry owner's or operator's liability insurance when operating on Utah's waters.

Motorboats equipped with engines less than 50 horsepower are exempt from this requirement.

Proof of insurance must be carried on board the motorboat whenever it is in operation. The minimum insurance requirements are: \$25,000/\$50,000 bodily injury/death; \$15,000 property damage; or \$65,000 combined minimum per accident.

A motorboat owned by a non-Utah resident and registered in the non-resident's state must meet its state's insurance requirements or have 90 days to comply with Utah's liability insurance requirements.

The following tips may help save money on boat insurance:

- Get an appraisal of your boat's value: Today's competitive boat buying market has likely reduced the value of your boat, which could allow you to reduce your premium.
- Check for duplication: If you have a homeowner's or renter's insurance policy, it may cover things such as sports equipment.
- Educate yourself: Take a Utah State Parks or U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary boating education course. Completion of the course may reduce your premium.
- Know your policy: Will your policy cover damages to your boat as well as to other boats?

For more information go [stateparks.utah.gov/stateparks/boating/](http://stateparks.utah.gov/stateparks/boating/) or call (801) 538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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### ***JENSON SAWMILL DEDICATION AT FRONTIER HOMESTEAD STATE PARK MUSEUM***

**Cedar City** – Visit Frontier Homestead State Park Museum Thursday, March 25 at 12:30 p.m. for the dedication of the newly restored Jenson Sawmill. The sawmill is a working exhibit that shows the strength and tenacity of Cedar City's early founders.

"The sawmill's restoration is the culmination of the efforts of many people," said Frontier Homestead State Park Museum Manager Todd Prince. "This is a great addition to the park, and it is a symbol of the sacrifices many made to build the university and this community."

Originally located near present-day Brian Head, the Jenson Sawmill produced the lumber used to build the first building of the Branch Normal School (now Southern Utah University).

The restoration and Jenson Sawmill exhibit were made possible by SUU's Outdoor Initiative, President Michael T. Benson, the Jenson Family, and the Utah State Park and Recreation Southwest Region Crew.

Frontier Homestead State Park Museum is located at 635 N. Main Street in Cedar City. The museum presents the pioneer and early industrial history of Cedar City, Iron County and southwest Utah. Hands-on activities, interpretive programs, including history day camps for children, are held throughout the year. For additional information, please call (435) 586-9290.

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### **UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS**

March 27      Camp Floyd/ Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum - Fairfield  
Geocache Adventure: Join us from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a geocache treasure hunt using historical sites located within the park. Visitors who complete the treasure hunt receive a special prize. Hamburgers, chips and drinks will be available during lunch hours. (801) 768-8932

March 27      Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway  
Full Moon Hike: Join the park naturalist at 6:30 p.m. for a two-mile round-trip hike along the Spring Pond Trail. We'll discuss moon-lore and nightlife in the park. Meet at the visitor center and wear sturdy shoes, bring water and snacks, and dress for the weather. Space is limited and registration is required. (435) 654-1791

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